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INDIAN PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to ascertain that all public/private hospitals confirm to Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The National Rural Health Mission envisages to upgrade all public health facilities as per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) in a phased manner.The States/UTs have initiated IPHS Facility Surveys as per the formats developed by the Ministry.So far,the IPHS Facility Survey reports of about 942 CHCs across 18 States/UTs have been received by the Ministry.On the basis of these reports,the Ministry prepares a uniform Monitoring Report for each of these centres, highlighting the identified gaps in services,infrastructure,manpower etc.as compared to the requirements of IPHS,along with the specific comments/observations.These reports are used for monitoring to check how far the identified gaps have been filled up in these facilities.